

Regents against Roskens?

Board delays performance review for university president

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The University of Nebraska Board of Regents' delay in evaluating NU President Ronald Roskens' salary has raised questions concerning the president's future in the NU system.

In an article in the Lincoln Journal-Star Sunday, it was reported two university sources who declined to be identified said some members of the board are unhappy with Roskens' performance, particularly with respect to the university's position on the admission of Kearney State College to the NU system. The article reported those sources said Roskens failed to clarify the stance NU took on the merger. The Legislature approved the Kearney merger earlier this year.

Also, in an Omaha World-Herald article Sunday, an unidentified source reported as being someone "close to the regents" called the board's failure to give Roskens a salary increase "a slap in the face." The source said Board Chairman Nancy Hoch was upset with Roskens, particularly in regard to his lobbying efforts against the bill to include Kearney State College in the NU system.

This speculation has provoked rumors in the university community that the board may fire Roskens.

"There's always going to be speculation," Regent Don Blank said. "We cannot stop that one way or the other."

Regent Rosemary Skrupa said the delay has been perceived incorrectly. "We ran out of time," she said. "There were a number of personnel records which came before the board."

Hoch, in a prepared announcement released Saturday by NU Spokesman Joe Rowson, said a misunderstanding has arisen over a salary increase for Roskens, but she said the board will take action on it next month.

"Since time did not permit the completion of the process for the June meeting, the president's salary will be acted upon at the July meeting," Hoch said in her statement.

The next Board of Regents meeting will be held in Norfolk July 21. Hoch, who was unavailable for comment because she is on vacation, did not say in her prepared statement why the board ran out of time on Roskens' performance review and salary increase.

Skrupa said the delay was not an intentional affront. "Every pay decision must be based on an evaluation," she said.

The board annually conducts a performance review of the president and other university officials. Salary adjustments are then based upon those evaluations.

During last Friday's meeting, the board approved salary increases for all upper level officials in central administration except for Roskens. The three chancellors, UNO's Del Weber, University of Nebraska Medical Center's Charles Andrews and University of Nebraska - Lincoln's Martin Massengale,



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NU President Ronald Roskens spoke at the dedication of the UNO Campinile May 18. The Board of Regents is scheduled to report on the president's performance at their next meeting

each received 10 percent increases.

Those salary increases were part of the \$710 million budget approved by the board Friday. The new budget takes effect July 1, the start of the state's fiscal year.

Currently, Roskens salary is \$112,000.

Skrupa said since the meeting started late, Roskens' salary issue was pushed to July. She declined to comment on her personal feelings concerning Roskens' performance, and would not comment on the opinions of the other regents.

"I can't go into it any deeper than that," she said.

Blank also declined to comment on Roskens' performance. "It is inappropriate for any of us to comment, including Roskens," Blank said. "His performance is being evaluated and it is still under evaluation."

Roskens, who was unable to be reached, told the Omaha World Herald Sunday that he had been unaware that the salary increases were on the board's agenda at the last meeting. "I never thought about it," he said. "It slipped my mind."

Roskens was appointed NU president by the board April 1, 1978, after serving as chancellor of UNO for five years.

New scholarship fund will help minority students

By MELANIE MORRISSEY
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska minority students will receive additional financial aid beginning this fall.

Last Friday, the NU Board of Regents established the "Davis Scholarships," funded by the proceeds of a \$1 million investment. The scholarships are intended to help end under representation of minorities at UNO and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL).

The endowment money comes from three sources: \$800,000 from the 1989 Legislature; \$100,000 raised by Dick Davis of Omaha, and \$100,000 from the University Foundation.

Davis, who received a doctoral degree from UNL, established the Rick Davis Mi-

nority Scholarship Fund in memory of his brother, who was a UNO graduate.

Davis' \$100,000 came from family and friends. "That money was generated from my brother's desire, and my desire, to generate an endowment program for minority students," Davis said. Rick Davis died in Sept. 1988.

The University Foundation is currently working to raise an additional \$100,000, according to Davis. "The University Foundation has over \$2 million in its chest, so \$100,000 should be an attainable goal," he said.

Davis said support for minority scholarship funding has been great.

"We had conservatives and liberals, republicans and democrats, and blacks and whites all come together to identify this as something the Unicameral could do to send a positive signal to the state," he said.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber called the funding "absolutely wonderful." "I feel a debt to Dick Davis for being the force behind this," Weber said. "He's the one who got this done."

Weber said the new scholarship funds represent a positive step for UNO. "In addition to our Goodrich Program, this will provide a good base for attracting minority students."

But simply getting minority students to attend the university will not end minority problems at UNO, according to Virgil Armendariz, United Minority Student (UMS) director.

"What we need to do now is work on the retention of those students," Armendariz said. "That's what needs to be addressed at UNO. It's one thing to get us into the pipes, but it's another thing to get us to the other end."

Armendariz said recent efforts by his organization to increase minority awareness on campus may have had some impact on the new scholarship funds.

"I'm not sure if our efforts motivated the contributors, but I think it's given Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover and others food for thought," he said. "I would hope they can associate the two causes."

Support for minorities in the form of financial aid is also a positive step for the community in general, according to Armendariz.

"The demographics say that minorities are going to be plentiful in the future, and we're going to be called upon to be responsible in the community," Armendariz said. "Education will make it easier to answer that call."

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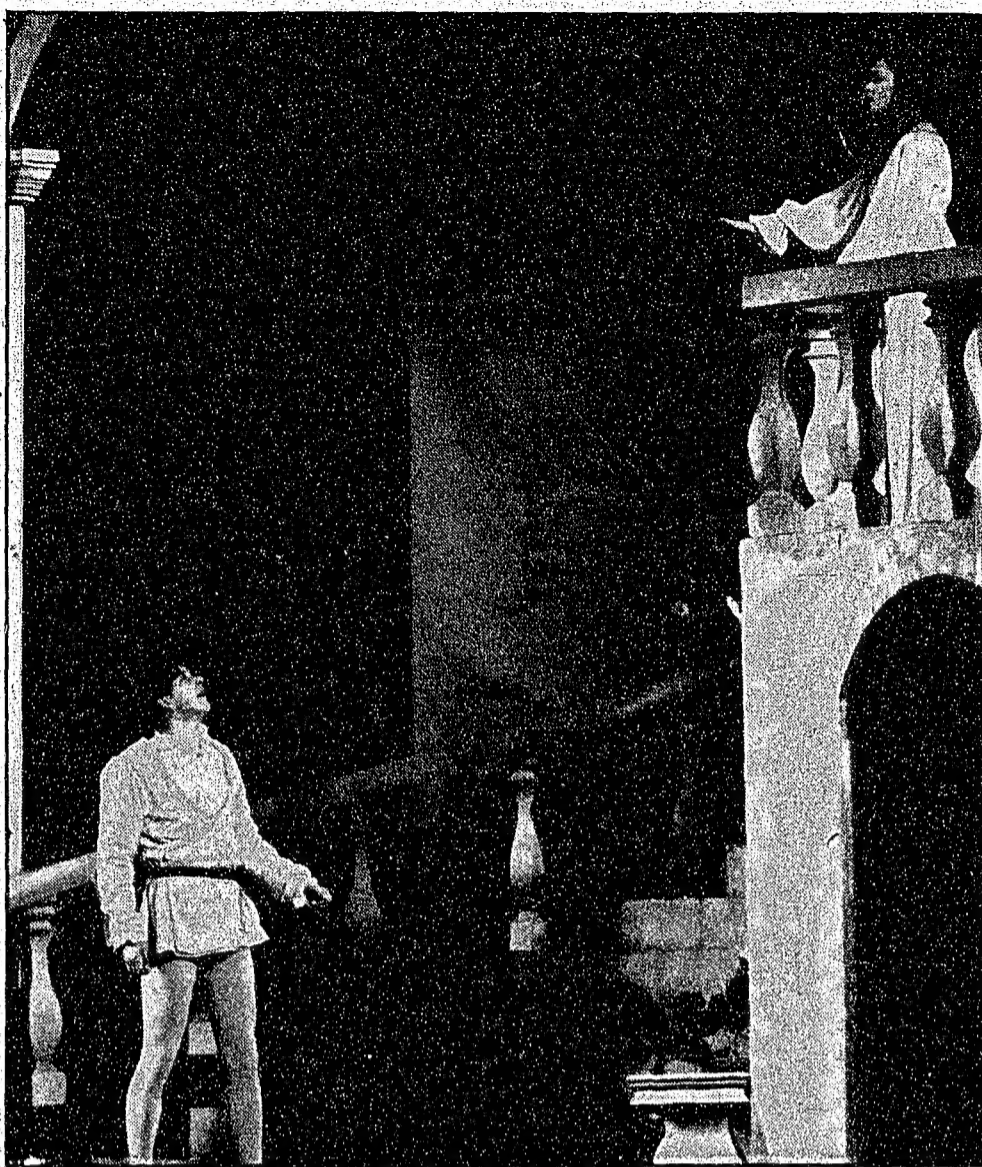
*Theater in the park continues
this week with 'Much Ado About Nothing'*

Shakespeare on the Green continues tonight in Elmwood Park with the light-hearted comedy "Much Ado About Nothing."

Barbara Hewins-Maroney, managing director of the festival, said performances this season have been well attended. "We've been running about 2,000-plus people a show," she said.

Last Thursday night's performance of "Romeo and Juliet" was rained out, but the performance was rescheduled for July 5.

"Much Ado About Nothing" will be performed tonight through Sunday, and again July 7 and 9. "Romeo and Juliet" will take the stage again July 5-8. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a "Greenshow" consisting of mimes, dancers and other performers. Admission is free.



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Romeo pleads to Juliet in last Sunday's performance of the classic love story.

Some say U.S. sanctions not harsh enough

By STACEY MEISENBACH
Staff Reporter

Third in a series on the crisis in China.

The recent violence in China has spurred actions by the U.S. government including sanctions which were imposed nearly two weeks ago.

But controversy in this country has been mounting over President Bush's actions, with some legislators saying sanctions against China are not severe enough.

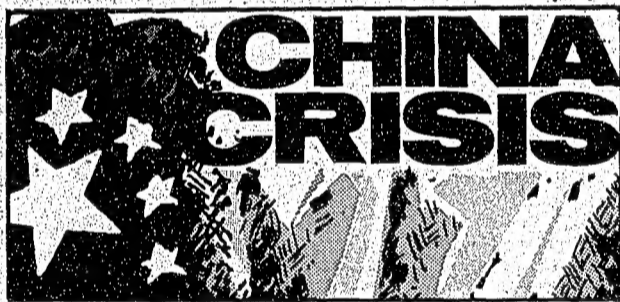
Bush has imposed the following sanctions: Suspension of all military sales to China; authorized the Immigration and Naturalization Service to extend the visas of Chinese students in the United States; The State Department urged all Americans in China to leave; Ordered all families and dependents of diplomats to leave China immediately.

Members of Congress who disagree with Bush and wish to see harsher sanctions imposed are pushing for a bill proposed by New York Rep. Stephen Solarz - N.Y. and Sen. Jesse Helms - N.C.

Newsweek reported the bill would compel the Bush administration, if the situation in China worsens, to stop all

transfers of high tech goods to China, suspend all investment and trade, recall Ambassador James Lilley and try to persuade international bodies such as the World Bank to cease loaning money to China.

According to Loree Bykerk, assistant professor of Political



Science, the legislative branch is responding to what she calls "the administration's dominant concern for the economy and not enough support for an open, free democratic regime."

Newsweek also reported economics do play a major part in the sanctions. American business trade with China grew from \$1.4 billion in 1978 to the \$13.4 billion reported last year.

Political Science Professor Carl Camp said the Bush administration is concerned with maintaining working contact with the People's Republic of China and added, "The Administration is treading a line in that they are supplying moral outrage without rupturing ties with China."

Camp said part of the difficulty lies in maintaining contact in the hopes of whatever government in China prevails will continue relations with the United States.

Camp added if the violence in China increases the administration will quietly increase the sanctions as the pressures mount.

Although no private business ties with China have been severed, the Americans businesses in China, through the imposed sanctions, were warned to leave.

Camp said the violence in China has and will continue to harm business for awhile.

"It's hard to do business when the city is so caught up in turmoil and they have armed forces continually moving against them," Camp said. "I would expect, however, within months and perhaps weeks, the business representatives will move back into China if there are any signs of re-order."

NU libraries to be computer-linked by 1990

By PATRICK RUNGE
Staff Reporter

If all goes according to plan, UNO's University Library will have a new computer system up and running by 1990.

The Integrated Library System (ILS) is designed to catalog all of the library's holdings, as well as link the UNO library with the libraries at University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).

According to Gordon Jensen, manager of UNO's Purchasing Department, "The current systems are obsolete and in danger of collapse. This new system will replace it with state of the art equipment."

"The software will store data and call data to assist users of the library in research," Jensen said.

During last Friday's NU Board of Regents meeting, UNL Dean of Libraries Kent Hendrickson spoke about the new system. "The ILS will make the resources of all the university libraries more accessible," he said.

The system will consist of four parts: an acquisition section, a serials section, an on-line catalog, and a circulation section, according to Sally Wise, director of the Law Library at UNL.

"Say you want to do a title search. You can sit down at a terminal, enter a particular command, and the computer will find the title you are looking for," Wise said.

"You can also search by author, by title, or by a part of a title," she said. "The ILS gives more access than a card catalog."

According to Wise, the circulation section will allow library users to know whether or not a book is checked out, so they don't have to spend time looking for it.

The process involved in purchasing the system began three years ago when Hendrickson formed the Automated Task Force (ATF) to develop specifications for a new library system. The Law Library at UNL joined the ATF in early 1987.

May 2, 1988, the task force released a Request for Proposal to 12 different companies for the new library computers. The deadline for responses was July 1, 1988. UNO joined the ATF in July in order to make the project a joint effort between the two campuses.

The ATF then evaluated the seven responses from July until November. The overwhelming choice of the ATF was the INNOPAC system from Innovative Interfaces, Inc., a California-based company.

"Innovative Interfaces met all the functional criteria for the job. The decision was based on a functional question rather than a dollars and cents one," Jensen said.

The evaluation by the ATF also led to the conclusion that the best way to link the two campuses is by a decentralized set up, Jensen said.

The current telecommunications lines would not be able to efficiently handle the heavy load that would be placed upon one central computer on either campus.

Instead, the systems at UNO and UNL will each have the necessary equipment to be independent of one another. Exchange of information between the two campuses will be accomplished by a special routine in the ILS program.

"This is one of the best examples of inter-campus cooperation," said NU Provost Lee Jones.

Other universities around the country have had success with the INNOPAC system.

"The INNOPAC system has worked very well. Granted, there are always problems and unexpected results, but by and large we are very pleased with it," said Earl Balch, head of Library Systems Department at the University of California—San Diego (UCSD). UCSD purchased an INNOPAC system last May.

The projected costs of the system will total almost \$1.8 million, with just over \$1 million budgeted for UNL and about \$650,000 for UNO.

"The contracts with Innovative Interfaces haven't yet been signed, but the purchase has been approved," Jensen said.

"The hardware arrives this fall, and the software will arrive later. I expect it will be the rest of this fiscal year and part of next before the system is operational," Jensen said.

Fund B increase irks some student senators

It's a crazy thing about summer. Sometimes little things slip in when you least expect them.

Take, for example, the \$1 student-paid fee increase that would support a 10 percent salary increase for Campus Recreation employees. It would have increased student Fund B fees to \$44.50 per student.

Meanwhile Fund A, which finances Student Government, student agencies, Student Programming Organization, and the Gateway would remain at \$7.50 per student.

There was concern raised among the senators of Student Government as to whether they should endorse the \$1 increase proposal or not.

Students questioned by a Student Government survey said they wouldn't mind passing over another buck around tuition time.

But a few members in Student Government thought it was just a little too easy charging the students a buck here and a buck there instead of finding alternative answers.

Eventually, as in many cases, what the Student Government said or didn't say, didn't make a whole lot of difference. You can imagine the surprise when a new proposal came up during UNO's "dead week," suggesting not a \$1 increase, but a \$1.25. Naturally since finals were coming up there wasn't enough time for an official Student Senate meeting to be called.

In a closed session with Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover, Student President/Regent Paula Effle, and members of the senate, Teresa Houser, Mary Reynolds, and Chris McClenney, listened to Hoover explain, in the usual administrative garble, why the \$1.25 increase was necessary. Seems pretty obvious

that if the Student Senate didn't like the \$1 increase they weren't going to like the \$1.25 one any better.

Without the Senate's blessing, the proposal made its next stop at the Board of Regents meeting May 12 in Lincoln where Effle told the regents that members of UNO's Student Government endorsed the increase.

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Needless to say, some of the senators who had attended the closed meeting with Hoover weren't real happy with their president/regent's comments.

Effle says she did not intend to misrepresent the views of the Student Senate and felt that when they left the meeting with

Hoover they had been in agreement - she had their okay to endorse the proposal. "Obviously it was a case of miscommunication," Effle said.

Student Senate Speaker Mary Reynolds has a different view on the matter. "This was not a case of simple miscommunication," Reynolds said. "She didn't even mention the fact that Student Government voted against the first form and didn't even see the second form. I try to give Paula the benefit of the doubt. She didn't ask for my opinion but then offered the Board of Regents my opinion anyway."

So instead of the \$1 Fund B increase we were all expecting, it will be \$1.25, and probably won't infuriate anyone too much except a few student senators who never liked it in the first place.

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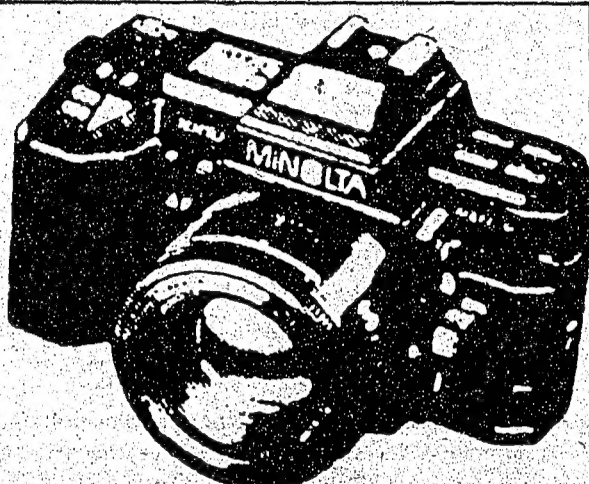
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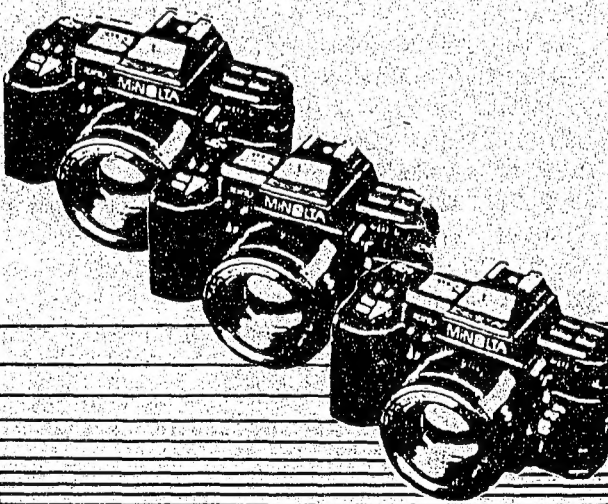

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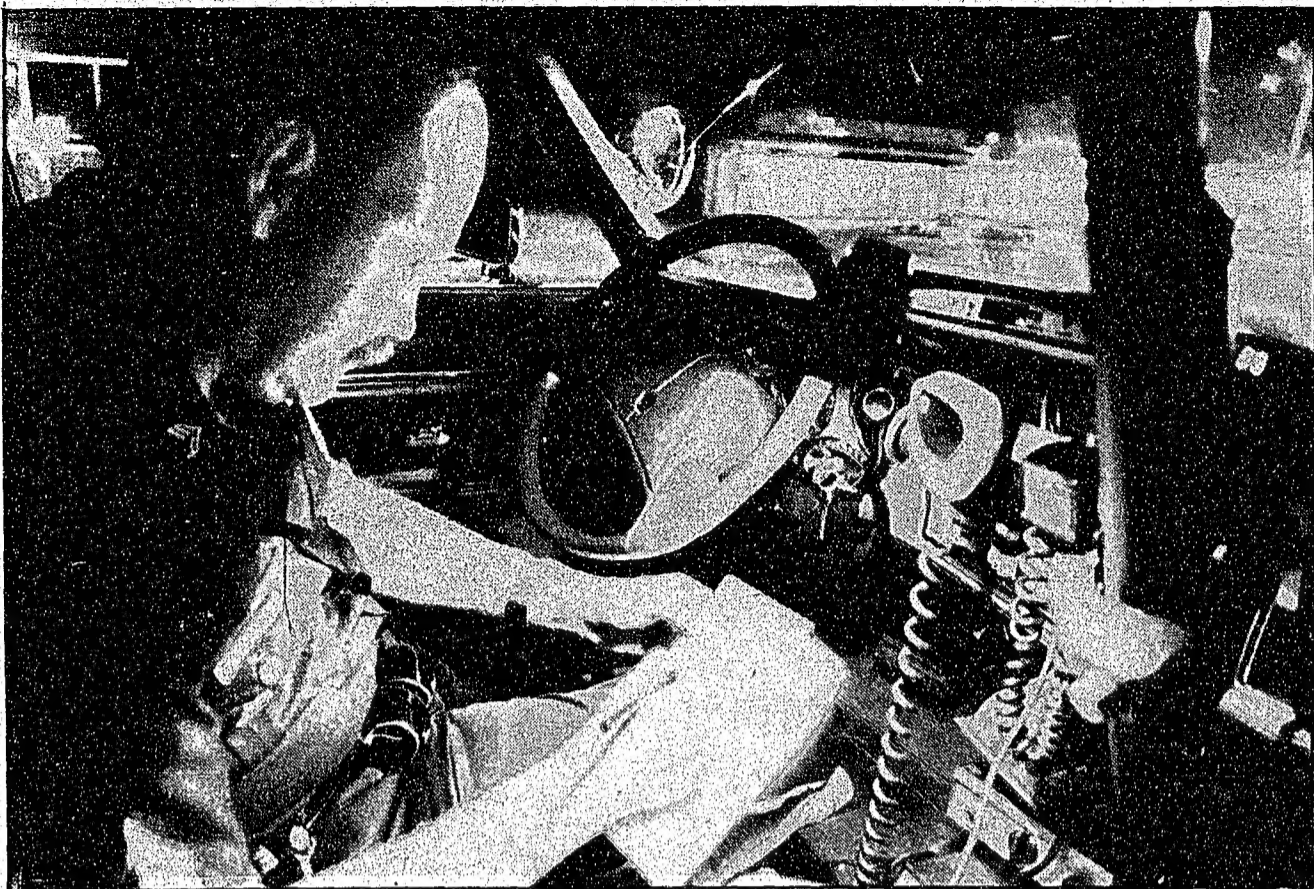
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Sgt. Tim Cavanaugh, in his tenth year as an Omaha policeman, has his masters degree in Criminal Justice from UNO.

The new cop: Education is the trend in police work

By DAVID JAHR
Associate Editor

About one year ago, Sgt. Tim Cavanaugh of the Omaha Police Department received a disturbance call. In a matter of minutes, late on that Friday night, he was in a life-threatening situation.

Cavanaugh, a UNO graduate, arrived on the scene with no partner. Close to 500 people were in the street having a party, but that was only half the problem.

"People were running up to me and telling me that there was someone killing this guy," Cavanaugh, a nine-year veteran, said there had been a minor car accident involving a drunk driver.

"The guy pulled him out of the car and was beating him to death. I got on the radio and asked for assistance but there were no other cars available. I got out of my car and there was this guy kicking, putting the boots to a guy on the ground."

Cavanaugh said there were four to five people around him with pistols, but that he had to try and get the assailant off the defenseless man. Unfortunately, even Cavanaugh's 6-foot-2 inch, 195-pound frame couldn't help.

"He just gave me a flick, like I was a gnat," he said. Cavanaugh radioed again for help but the nearest car was over nine miles south of his location.

"I could have hit him with a stick but the crowd would have probably taken it away from me. It was near a riot situation," Cavanaugh said. "It was one of those times where you have to

swallow your pride to avoid a bigger problem."

In 1980, a field of 2,000 candidates applied for the Omaha Police Division. Just 14 were accepted, of which one was Cavanaugh. He said only lately has he been worried about the danger directly associated with his occupation.

"They (the gangs) are getting so gutsy now they will drive up, even while police are on the scene, and start firing."

At UNO and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln there are roughly 700 Criminal Justice majors. According to Pete Kuchel of UNO, about half of those can look forward to this kind of action in a law enforcement career.

Lt. Tony Infantino has been in O.P.D. since 1977 and received his master's degree in Criminal Justice from UNO in 1986. Infantino said a police officer has to learn to respond to danger in an effective manner. But not everything is dangerous in a policeman's day.

"Contrary to what is often seen in the movies, this job can be fairly mundane," Infantino said. "In one year this police department generates more paperwork than the rest of the entire city."

The only full-time intern from UNO's Criminal Justice department in the police force is Mark Matuza. He will be a senior this fall and is working in the burglary section of the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

He has been working in this department since May 22 and said people ask him if he is scared about the dangerous job.

"I'm not worried about the danger factor," Matuza said. Matuza took the internship with O.P.D. because he wants to get experience before he graduates.

"The word's out: get all the education you can," he said. "The new trend is to have that degree."

Kuchel, who started the Criminal Justice program at UNO 26 years ago, said an education helps an officer in two areas.

"It will help the officer do better on the entry level

examinations because he is accustomed to studying and it will help you socially," Kuchel said. "This is a people business."

Infantino, who heads the training program for new recruits, said the minimum educational requirement for a prospective officer is a high school diploma or a G.E.D., but this standard may change soon.

"These are the minimum requirements, but we don't want the bare minimum," he said.

The educational trend began in the late 1960s, according to Infantino, in an effort to heighten the professionalism of the occupation.

According to Infantino's research, about 36 percent of the O.P.D. officers have completed college degrees. He said around 50 percent of them have at least two years of college education. But basic book knowledge will not do the job, Infantino said.

"I think the college degree in itself will help you, but it has to be coupled with common sense."

Although some education is required to be in the force, Infantino said there is still a problem in screening every candidate.

"There's a real problem with hiring policemen, we have to hire from the human race," he said. "We can't just plug them in."

Despite this, if 600 people apply to be in the force, Infantino said about 60 of them will be employed. This is a relatively high percentage compared to 1977 when he was hired. Infantino was one of 10 hired from a field of close to 1,600 applicants.

Kuchel has an explanation for this figure disparity.

"Although the field is expanding, the pool of qualified candidates seems to be shrinking," Kuchel said.

Cavanaugh said there may be some politics involved that would explain both the low education requirements and the number of officers hired. He said a few years ago the state was interested in eliminating the high school graduation requirement for police officers, because it was racially biased.

"I believe more in the old-fashioned law enforcement. I believe in less emphasis on community education and more on real law enforcement."

Cavanaugh said the proper place for a policeman is not in the classroom.

"On one hand you're hiring people with a G.E.D. and then you're putting them in the classroom to teach sociology? That's absolutely absurd," he said. "That's what I mean by political pressure."

Lt. Infantino agrees, "It's like asking the teachers to go out on the streets to fight crime."

Police officers should be worrying about their job, because the gang situation is getting worse, Cavanaugh said.

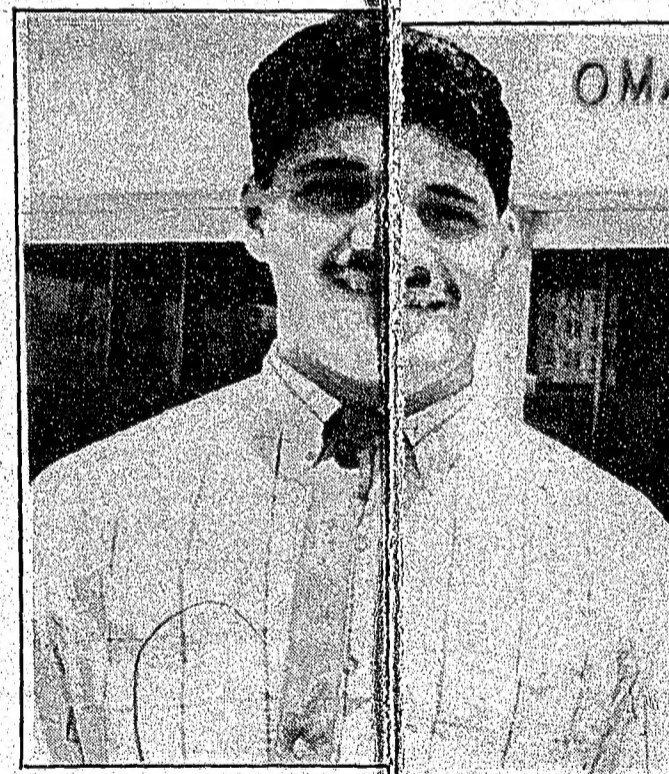
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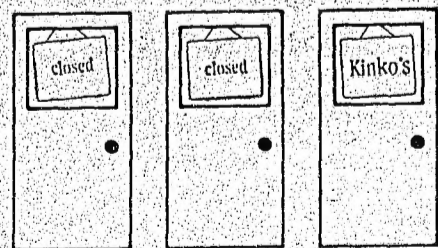
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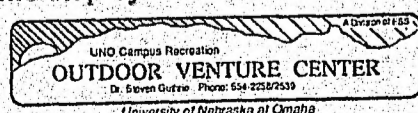
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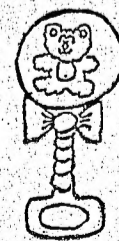
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How will Omaha and its police division deal with the crime situation? Cavanaugh said the answer is to hire more policemen.

"We have the same number of officers working the streets as we had in 1967," he said.

Educating Omaha's next generation would not benefit the community until the youths have to deal with the problem, which Infantino said would be about 10 years. The drug problem has to be attacked now.

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Cavanaugh said the proper place for a policeman is not in the classroom.

"On one hand your hiring people with a G.E.D. and then your putting them in the classroom to teach sociology? That's absolutely absurd," he said. "That's what I mean by political pressure."

Lt. Infantino agrees, "It's like asking the teachers to go out on the streets to fight crime."

Police officers should be worrying about their job, because the gang situation is getting worse, Cavanaugh said.

"It's not getting any harder to get hired, but it is harder to perform well," he added.

How will Omaha and its police division deal with the crime situation? Cavanaugh said the answer is to hire more policemen.

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Although today's policeman confronts danger regularly and the educational requirements may be stiffened in the near future, Infantino said a good law enforcement officer must obtain a number of qualities.

A good police officer has "a balance between learned knowledge, common sense, is caring for his fellow man, is fair, impartial and can combine it all with a large degree of inquisitiveness, tenacity and desire."

But the average officer is easy to criticize, simply because he or she is identifiable, Infantino said.

"Police officers are held to a higher standard than the rest of the society. We have to put our halos on straight everyday."



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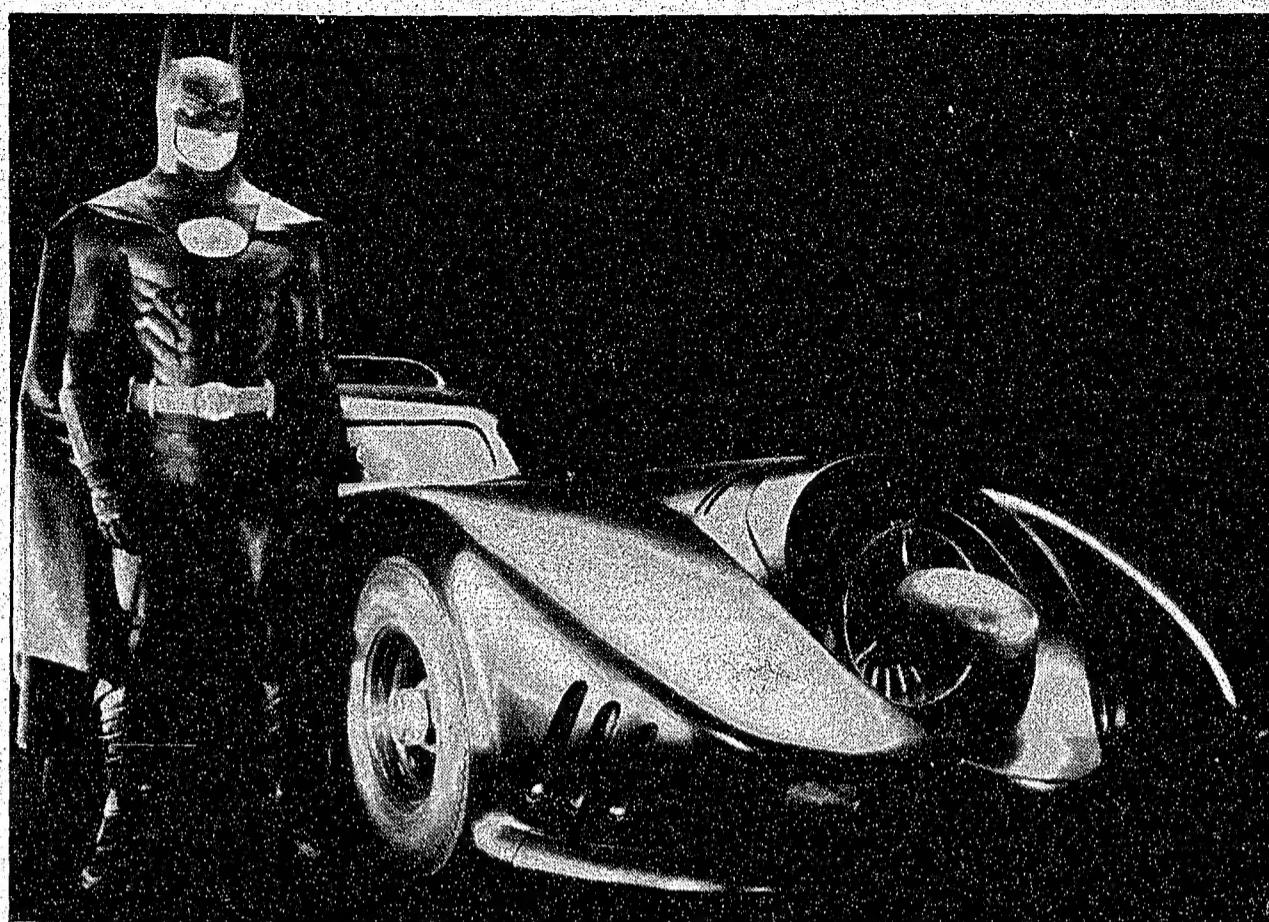
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Batman bashes bad guys, blows box office

By STEVE CHASE
Staff Reviewer

"Batman," the much-awaited film version of one of the greatest comic book heroes, definitely lives up to its pre-release hype.

The film follows through on some of the same aspects as the comic books and the old "Batman" TV series which starred Adam West as the Caped Crusader. In the movie, Batman is still a super hero by night, out fighting crime in the mythical Gotham City and is millionaire Bruce Wayne by day. The Joker is still his arch enemy and a master at crime.

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But "Batman" goes beyond the basic cardboard characterization which plagued movies like "Superman." The writers of this screenplay incorporate some of the aspects of two modern portrayals of Batman titled "The Dark Knight" and "Batman: Year One" to show a different side of this popular hero. The writers also took the uneasy setting, tone and complex characterization of "The Dark Knight" and combined it with the "retro-future" look of "Year One."

The result is incredible. "Batman" takes on a film noir look of a world not seen since "Brazil" and "Blade Runner."

This is a credit to director Tim Burton ("Pee Wee's Big Adventure," "Beetlejuice") who is great at creating a separate world in which he draws in the viewer. Once in this world, anything can happen.

And what happens in this world is very entertaining.

Batman (Michael Keaton) makes his appearance in Gotham City to help stop crime. One of these crime lords he is fighting against is a man named Griswold (Jack Palance) and his deranged sidekick Jack Napier (Jack Nicholson).

Because of a power struggle, Griswold has Napier set-

up during a burglary at a chemical plant. Napier, by accident, falls in a vat of acid and becomes The Joker.

While Batman is trying to battle this psychotic menace, Bruce Wayne must deal with reporter Alex Knox (Robert Wuhl) and photographer Vickie Vale (Kim Basinger) who are trying to get the scoop on Batman.

Besides the intense setting and an action-packed story, "Batman" boasts some good acting. Keaton, an unlikely candidate as the Caped Crusader, succeeds in giving Batman life. He adds humor and drama to both Bruce Wayne and Batman making his crusade against crime believable. This balance could have been lost with a lesser actor such as Christopher Reeve, who portrayed Superman.

Highlighting the picture is Nicholson's portrayal of The Joker. He turns this two-dimensional criminal into a psychotic mass-murderer who spews out sick, off-beat jokes as he kills, a portrayal only Nicholson could successfully execute.

The rest of the cast goes fairly unnoticed except for Basinger and Wuhl, who play their roles with enthusiasm.

One of the only sour notes in this film comes from Prince. Although he is not in the film, Prince has his theme music dragging out some scenes involving The Joker. These scenes, which I call "The Payola Ploys," represent Hollywood's trick of having a top pop figure write a few tunes for the movie soundtrack so the movie theme can be hyped in promotions and ads.

Prince's songs bog the movie down. Not only do they take up film time and draw out the story, they also clash with the fine score composed by Danny Elfman.

It's fair to warn that "Batman" has some violence which may be unsuitable for anyone under the age of 10 (even though it has a PG-13 rating).

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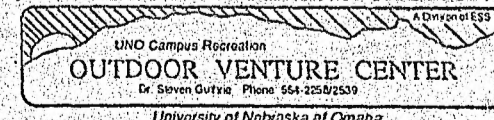
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Swanson sees many faces in 41 years at UNO

By CINDY BAKER
Staff Reporter

When Eva Swanson began working at UNO in 1948, all of the departments were located in the Arts and Science Hall, then known as the Administration Building.

Swanson will be retiring from UNO July 7 after 41 years of secretarial service.

She spent her first three years as a secretary in the Business office and the past 38 years as secretary of UNO's ROTC division.

"When the ROTC team came in 1951 to see if UNO qualified for their program, I was asked if I'd like to be their secretary, pending selection of the school," Swanson said.

Swanson accepted the Air Force offer, and has seen many faces.

"People in the ROTC program are always coming and going," Swanson said. "They rotate on tours of duty every three years."

In 1951, when the program began, Swanson began a series of scrapbooks (one for every year) containing newspaper clippings and memorabilia. She later took a photography course and began adding photos of the ROTC program to the scrapbooks. The scrapbooks will eventually be put in the university archives.

During her years at UNO, Swanson has worked under 90 different detachment officers and hundreds of cadets, 672 of whom have been commissioned through the ROTC office.

Capt. Douglas Pikop, assistant professor of Aerospace Studies, has worked with Swanson for the past four years. Pikop said that Swanson has been a mainstay for his department.

"She has been here so long that if you need to know something she's the one to ask," he said.

"Eva is the type of person that people always come back to see," Pikop said. "Officers that are on leave and just passing through Omaha stop in to visit her."

The Air Force detachment staff recently took Swanson out for lunch and presented her with appreciation plaques from ROTC officers in Texas and Alabama, and a card from President Bush.

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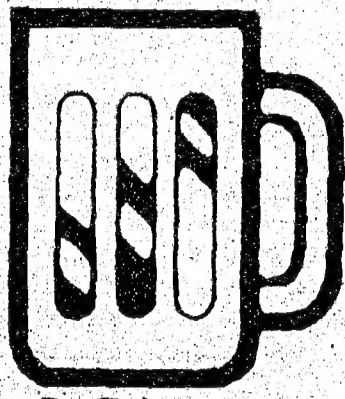
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College of Continuing Studies makes connections

By BILL WILSON
Staff Reporter

With one foot in the community and another in the university, UNO's College of Continuing Studies (CCS) tries to help fulfill UNO's "service mission," according to CCS Dean Alan Hackel.

"We are kind of at the hub of a wheel," Hackel said. "We have the ability to reach out to any part of the university to bring together resources that may respond to a particular community need, or one we sense or feel."

CCS pursues its role through the framework of three divisions: academic programs, conferences and community programs, and business operations.

The division of academic programs administers the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree, along with Offutt Air Force Base programs, off-campus credit programs and academic advisement.

More than 18,000 students have graduated with the BGS degree since UNO began offering it in 1950.

Hackel said the BGS degree grew from the realization that older students seeking college degrees are different from traditional

college youth.

He said the degree is the "oldest and longest surviving special degree program for adults in the country which speaks for the quality of that degree."

The degree has survived because it is based upon specific academic subject matter - not merely age and experience, Hackel said.

Students seeking credit for prior experience must have that experience validated through testing. They can also show evidence of specific training that is recognized by the American Council on Education.

For example, the American Council on Education determined military basic training to be worth 10 hours of undergraduate credit.

The BGS has also survived because it is not greatly different from a traditional degree, Hackel said. BGS's "area of concentration" closely parallels a traditional major, and its "related areas" correspond to minors. CCS's Division of Conferences and Community Programs administers a wide variety of programs, including: noncredit courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, contract training programs, Academy, Business, and Community (ABC) Breakfast Series and the William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies.

The downtown Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnum, houses many of these activities.

More than 60,000 people annually attend more than 1,300 activities in the facility's 21 classrooms, 18 meeting rooms, 500-seat auditorium, and 350-seat dining room.

However, CCS' separation from the main campus poses some problems for the dean and his staff.

"I would like more of a presence for this college on campus," he said.

CCS's only on-campus facility is its small academic advisement office in Arts and Sciences Hall. Hackel said he hopes his college will be able to expand on campus when the new fine arts building is constructed, which will provide for more space.

The physical separation and minimum on-campus space complicates some of the ongoing challenges for CCS, Hackel said.

Since CCS is the only college without its own faculty, it must tap instructors from other UNO colleges.

"We really cannot, and do not, exist without the faculty," Hackel said. "If we're going to help the university extend into the community, it's the faculty we have to extend. The

faculty is really central to what the CCS is all about."

The dean said he enjoys a good relationship with the UNO faculty, but said he realizes their first loyalty is to the college that employs them.

Hackel said sometimes people perceive continuing education as a "marginal activity."

"I think it is more marginal at other institutions than it is here," he said. "It depends on how much an institution of higher education believes in teaching, research and service as the three functions of higher education."

Those qualities will determine the degree to which an institution is involved in continuing education, he said.

Hackel is trying to encourage a high level of commitment from the entire university.

"I hope to do a better job of letting the university community know who we are, who we serve, and how we can help them."

He said CCS must also maintain communications with the local community about what continuing education they need and what UNO can offer.

"We try to get people with needs together with people in the university who may be able to help them," he said.

ROTC receives computer grant

The Air Force ROTC Program at UNO received \$3,000 in grants from two local military organizations. The Offutt Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics and the Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter of the Air Force Association each gave \$1,500 to UNO's ROTC to buy a computer to assist cadets with homework and research.

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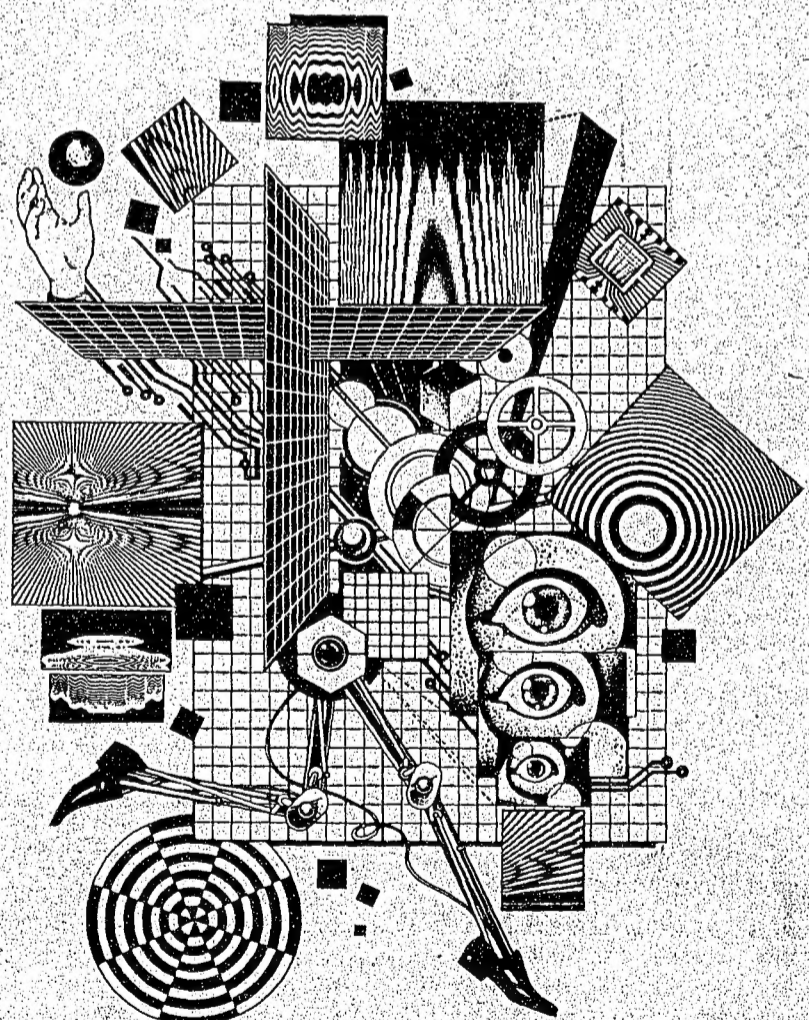
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Scorecard hits home with 'Bleacher Bums'

By ELIZABETH TAPE
Staff Reviewer

"Bleacher Bums," a two-act comedy conceived by actor Joe Mantegna and written by the Organic Theater Company, is currently playing at the Scorecard Lounge, 114th and Dodge Streets.

Set in the right-field bleachers of Chicago's Wrigley Field, "Bleacher Bums" unfolds during a Cubs' game against St.

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Louis as it introduces the audience to a small group of devoted Cub fans.

An intriguing combination of humor and emotion, "Bleacher Bums" features excellent performances by its able cast.

Michael Thomas offers a noteworthy characterization of Richie, the universal "nerd." Picking his nose, smearing ice cream over his face, Richie generates considerable empathy with a captivating, consistent performance.

Similarly, Rob Baker as Decker provides a central focus among the performers, alternating between a genuine interest



Lisa Kliever (Melody) and Michael Thomas (Richie) in 'Bleacher Bums' at the Scorecard.

in the outcome of the game and concern about the numerous wagers he transacts.

Brent Noel is the cynical, would-be sophisticate Marvin, who only comes out to the bleachers in search of prey for his gambling ventures. Marvin is completely uninterested in the outcome for the Cubs, and is concerned only with winning his bet.

Cameron Lind as Greg, R. Tipton Biggs as Ziggy, Jeremy Golden as the Cheerleader, and Lois Nemec as Ziggy's wife Rose all turn in fine performances.

Good timing becomes an essential element of "Bleacher Bums" as the actors perform moments of fast-paced dialogue, as well as working with the game's announcer (production manager Kev Mori-

arty) working off-stage.

With only a bleacher as the set, the play effectively transforms its space into a credible area, especially through its use of the game's announcer and the actors' consistently believable gazes out onto a non-existent field.

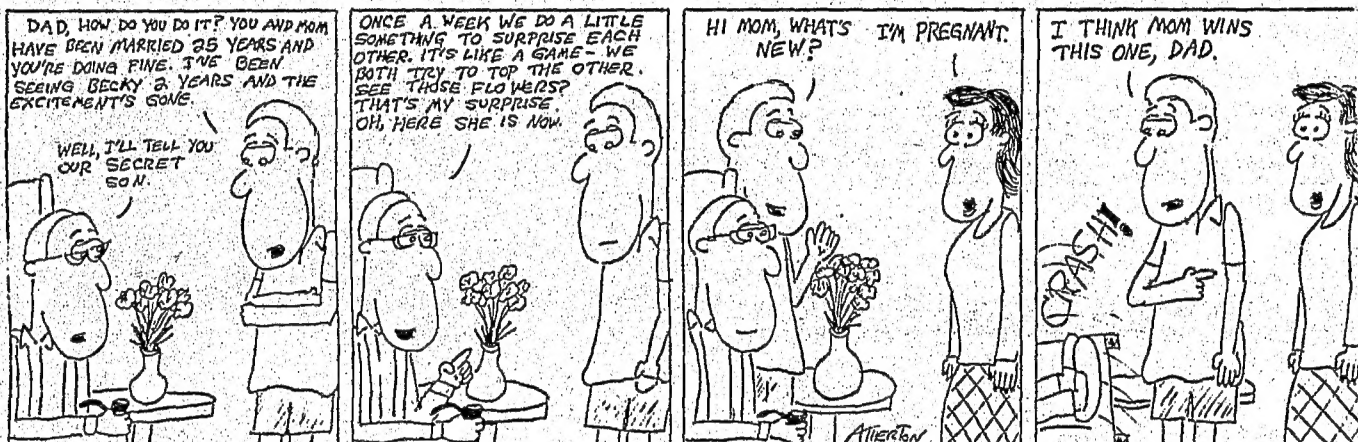
From Richie's untidy appearance to Marvin's slick look to Ziggy's vibrant apparel to Rose's ankle socks and plastic bag, the costume design also enhances the ball-park feel.

While "Bleacher Bums" initially suggests a tolerant attitude toward the incessant betting that goes on among its characters, the conclusion suggests quite another outlook. The comedic tenor of the play is altered near the close when a far darker atmosphere emerges.

"Bleacher Bums" has more than a few laughs to offer, delivered well by the play's able cast, who have clearly received excellent direction from producer/director James Devney, an actor, screenwriter and instructor in UNO's Writers' Workshop.

"Bleacher Bums" will be performed Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., June 29 - July 1 and again July 6 - July 8.

BIG MAX



by Bob Atherton

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